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Title: **SPARK GAP COMPRISING AN  
OPTICALLY TRIGGERED POWER  
SEMICONDUCTOR COMPONENT**

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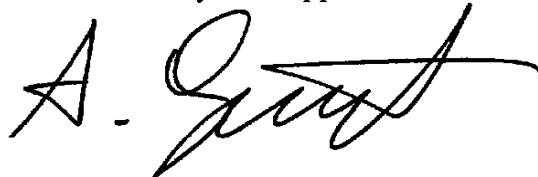
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